Hoia Hoia language

Hoia Hoia (Hoyahoya) is a Papuan language of Papua New Guinea. It is close to Minanibai. The two varieties, Ukusi-Koparamio Hoia Hoia ("Hoia Hoia" in *Ethnologue* 17) and Matakaia Hoia Hoia ("Hoyahoya" in *Ethnologue* 17), are distinct languages, though significantly closer to each other than to other Inland Gulf languages.

The varieties are spoken in Ukusi-Koparamio (7.812986°S 143.682495°E; 7.830844°S 143.740897°E) and Matakaia (7.845775°S 143.246807°E) villages of Bamu Rural LLG in Western Province, Papua New Guinea, respectively.[3][4]

Hoia Hoia	
Hoyahoya	
Region	Western Province, Papua New Guinea
Native speakers	180 (2000 census)[1]
Language family	Trans–New Guinea ▪ Fly River (Anim) ▪ Inland Gulf ▪ Minanibai ▪ **Hoia Hoia**
Dialects	Ukusi-Koparamio Hoia Hoia Matakaia Hoia Hoia
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	Either: `hhi` – Ukusi-Koparamio Hoia Hoia `hhy` – Matakaia Hoia Hoia
Glottolog	`hoya1236 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/hoya1236)` Hoyaic[2]

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Phonology

Consonants

	Labial	Alveolar	Velar	Uvular	Glottal
Stop	p b	t d	k g		
Nasal	m	n			
Fricative		s <sh>		ʁ	h
Approximant		l			

Vowels

	Front	Back
High	i	u
Mid	e	o
Low		ɑ ɑ̟ <a>

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